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OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Thirty members and guests attended the field trip on October 16, 1949, at Stinson Beach. The weather was cloudy but not windy, and the birding was very good. About half of the group drove on up to the Olema marsh later in the afternoon. The following 90 species were identified:

Red-throated Loon	Osprey	Barn Swallow
Horned Grebe	Sparrow Hawk	Steller Jay
Eared Grebe	California Quail	Calif. Jay
Western Grebe	Sora	Raven
Pied-billed Grebe	Coot	Crow
Sooty Shearwater (dead)	Killdeer	Chestnut-back. Chickadee
White Pelican	Black-bellied Plover	Wren-tit
Brown Pelican	Black Turnstone	Bewick Wren
Double-crested Cormorant	Long-billed Curlew	Marsh Wren
Brandt Cormorant (dead)	Willet	Robin
Baird Cormorant	Greater Yellow-legs	Pipit
Great Blue Heron	Least Sandpiper	Loggerhead Shrike
American Egret	Red-backed Sandpiper	Audubon Warbler
Blk-crowned Night Heron	Marbled Godwit	Yellow-throat
Canada Goose (Lesser?)	Sanderling	English Sparrow
Black Brant	Glaucous-winged Gull	Western Meadowlark
Baldpate	Western Gull	Red-winged Blackbird
Pintail	California Gull	Tricl. Blackbird (Bailey)
Green-winged Teal	Ring-billed Gull	Cowbird
White-winged Scoter	Heermann Gull	Brewer Blackbird
Surf Scoter	Forster Tern	House Finch
Ruddy Duck	Royal Tern (Pray)	Common Goldfinch
American Merganser	Calif. Murre (dead)	Green-backed Goldfinch
Red-breasted Merganser	Mourning Dove	Spotted Towhee
Turkey Vulture	Anna Hummingbird	Brown Towhee
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Savannah Sparrow
Cooper Hawk	Red-shafted Flicker	Oregon Junco
Red-tailed Hawk	Hairy Woodpecker	White-crowned Sparrow
Red-bellied Hawk (Bailey)	Downy Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Marsh Hawk	Black Phoebe	Song Sparrow

—A. Laurence Curl, Leader and Historian

PREDATORY BIRDS IN CALIFORNIA

By protesting the shooting of hundreds of finches by an orchardist of Sonoma County, we were informed that the orchardist was within his rights, for finches were classed as predatory birds.

In the Fish and Game Code 1947-1949, published by the Division of Fish and Game, Department of Natural Resources, State of California, paragraph 1175, reads: "The following are predatory birds: Blue Jay, English or European House Sparrow, Great Horned Owl, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Duck Hawk, House Finch (commonly known as California Linnet), Crow, Black-billed Magpie, Shrike or Butcher Bird, White Pelican, Shag or Cormorant, and, in Districts 1, 2, 3. 4, and 4¾, the Blackbirds."

This is passed on to you by request so you may be acquainted with the law and know when to protest and when to sanction a killing.

BIRDS ARRIVING FOR THE WINTER in the Bay Area: During September, October and November: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Townsend Warbler, Fox Sparrow, Audubon Warbler, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, American pipit, White-throated Sparrow, Hermit Thrush, Varied Thrush, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned, and Gambel White-crowned Sparrow; and Cedar Waxwing. Most of these will stay until the end of April; the Ruby-crowned Kinglet, White-throated Sparrow and Waxwing into May.

The above has been compiled from "The Directory to the Birdlife of the San Francisco Bay Region" by Joseph Grinnell and Margaret Wythe, and "The Distribution of Birds of California" by Joseph Grinnell and Alden H. Miller. This requested information has just been received and is passed on to you.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome the following: from San Francisco—Mrs. Bertha C. Wietzke, Miss Mary Silva; from Oakland—Mrs. James B. Linford; from Piedmont—Miss Martha L. Allen; from Richmond—Miss Gladys V. Noble.

A TRIP TO MONTEREY is being planned for November 19 and 20. This will include land observations and a boat trip. Mr. Ross McFadyan is in charge of arrangements. Write or phone him 2510 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4. Tel. TH. 3-8458. Reservations should be made by November 5th, for housing and boat trip.

SPECIAL DECEMBER WEEK-END FIELD TRIP TO WILLOWS AND GRIDLEY REFUGES

This is a two-day trip on December 3 and 4 to see the hordes of ducks and geese at the Sacramento Migratory Waterfowl Refuge near Willows, and at the state game refuge near Gridley. On Saturday, Dec. 3, meet at 10:30 a.m. at the observation tower at the refuge headquarters on route 99W about 4 miles south of Willows (driving distance from Oakland about 135 miles via Winters). Spend the rest of the day at the Willows refuge. Overnight accommodations are available nearby at Willows, Oroville, Gridley, and Marysville On Sunday, Dec. 4, meet at the post office in Gridley at 9:00 a.m. to visit the state game refuge. If you can't come for both days, it is quite practicable to drive up and join the group on either day. Leader: Harry Adamson. If you can furnish transportation, or need it, please notify the Curls (AS. 3-10165). Be sure to bring along plenty of warm clothing as it will probably be somewhat colder than in the Bay area.

"BEYOND THE TRAILS": The Golden Gate Audubon Society is sponsoring this picture-lecture by Herb and Lois Crisler. Mr. and Mrs. Crisler have startled the entire country with their amazing pictures of the wildlife of the Olympic wilderness. December 2nd is the date. The place: Lakeview School, Grand Ave. and MacArthur Blvd., Oakland at 8 p.m. You and your friends will enjoy this rare treat. Attendance will be by subscription only—seventy-five cents or a dollar per person is suggested. Contributions to this lecture fund may be made at the November meeting or by mail to Miss Clelia Paroni, 575 Vincente Ave., Berkeley 7.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS: At the Piedmont High School Auditorium, 300 Magnolia Ave., on Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

November 19—"Canada Venture", Bert Harwell.

January 7—"Sounds of the Sageland", Alice and Harold Allen.

February 11—"With Feathers Flying", Laurel Reynolds.

March 18—"Midnight Movies in Animalland", Howard Cleaves.

April 29—"Outdoor Holiday", Alexander Sprunt.

The series, sponsored by the Piedmont Garden Club, is primarily for juniors but adults may attend. Season tickets will be available at our next meeting November 10th: Juniors $1.20, Adults $2.40. Single admission: Juniors 45 cents, adults 60 cents, including tax.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The 386th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held November 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library, Larkin & McAllister Sts. Mr. Andrew Gibb of Berkeley, a photographer of exceptional ability will show his latest motion pictures of birds. He often uses a twelve-inch lens with which he has obtained studies of bird behavior which no one else has been able to record. The quiet rhythmic beauty of some of Mr. Gibb's pictures has not been surpassed. Who could ever forget his "Dance of the Sanderlings"? Guests are invited to this unusual program.

Our President will report on the Annual Meeting of the National Audubon Society held in Detroit October 15-19.

There will be a no-host dinner at the Whitcomb Hotel at 6 p.m.

— Laurel Reynolds, Program Chairman

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Sunday, November 13, to Rodeo Lagoon in Marin County. At 7th and Mission Sts. in San Francisco, take the 8:10 a.m. bus to Sausalito. Get off at the first parking area beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. Autos assemble here at 8:30 a.m. We must enter and leave the Ft. Baker Military Reservation in a body. This is a most interesting trip and involves a hike of several miles. Leader: L. R. Leinbach. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

SPECIAL NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

On Saturday, November 26, to Orinda. From San Francisco take 7:58 a.m. "E" train to end of the line in Berkeley. Autos meet at 8:30 a.m. at Domingo and Ashby Aves. Proceed in private cars to Orinda and turn left. Birding will be at several points such as Orinda Lake, along Bear Creek Road, and San Pablo Reservoir. This is a new trip and should be quite interesting. Bring lunch if desired, binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

—A. Laurence Curl,, Chairman
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